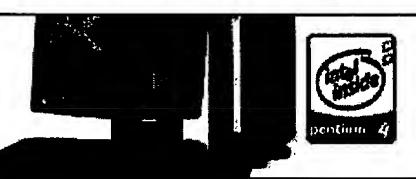
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(1) An extra <u>feature</u> added to a standard <u>programming language</u> or <u>system</u>.

(2) In <u>DOS</u> and some other <u>operating systems</u>, one or several letters at the end of a <u>filename</u>. Filename extensions usually follow a period (dot) and indicate the type of information <u>stored</u> in the <u>file</u>. For example, in the filename <u>EDIT.COM</u>, the extension is <u>COM</u>,

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which indicates that the file is a command file. (Depending on the operating system, the <u>punctuation</u> separating the extension from the rest of the filename may or may not be considered part of the extension itself.)

Also see <u>Data Formats and Their File Extensions</u> in the <u>Quick Reference</u> section of Webopedia.

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- (3) In <u>Macintosh environments</u>, a <u>program</u> that extends the system's capabilities. When they reside in the Extensions <u>folder</u>, extensions are loaded into <u>memory</u> when the system starts. On older <u>Macs</u> (<u>System 6</u> and earlier), extensions were called *inits*.
- (4) Same as plug-in.